



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HU *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/472,067

Filed: December 23, 1999

For: **Nucleic Acid Ladders**

Confirmation No. 8277

Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: Zara, J.

Atty. Docket: 0942.4340002/RWE/BJD/FRC

#19/K.T.
12/9
E.D.T.

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

DEC 03 2002

RECEIVED

Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended three (3) months from August 28, 2002, to November 28, 2002, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$920.00 for a three (3) month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. **37490**. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Frank R. Cottingham

Frank R. Cottingham
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 50,437

Date: 11/27/02

1100 New York Avenue, N.W.
Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20005-3934
(202) 371-2600

SKGF_DC1:78357.1

12/02/2002 BABRAHA1 00000052 09472067

04 FC:1253

920.00 DP